

K E. R. Morris Funeral Chapel Records, 1984-2008
1353 22.5 cubic feet

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INTRODUCTION

The records contain customer files that provide biographical information about decedents and document funeral arrangements.

DONOR INFORMATION

The records were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Lee and Emily Ward on 10/29/2015 (Accession No. KA2303).

RESTRICTIONS

Customer files contain sensitive information and are restricted due to privacy concerns. Files must be redacted before being provided for patron use. Contact the research center for more information.

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INSTITUTIONAL SKETCH

Eugene R. Morris and his wife Ludella co-founded, along with Duane E. Harvey, the Morris and Harvey Memorial Chapel in December 1984 at 4316 Troost Avenue in Kansas City, Missouri. From 1989 until his death in 2000, Morris owned and operated the funeral home under the name E. R. Morris Funeral Chapel.

After E. R. Morris' death, Ludella Morris became chief executive officer, and she changed the name to L. M. Morris Funeral Chapel in 2006. The business closed after her death in 2008. During its operation, the chapel served many indigent persons offering discounted services paid by the state.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records consist of customer files arranged by year and then alphabetically by surname. A typical file provides biographical information, including full name; dates of birth and death; places of birth and death; parents' names; occupation; and place of residence. A file also contains information concerning funeral arrangements. A file may also contain a death certificate; permission to embalm form; insurance forms; invoice; funeral program; and correspondence.

An index to the records is available. The index provides the decedent's full name; place of birth; birth and death dates; final disposition; cause of death; and age at time of death. Contact the research center for more information.

RELATED COLLECTION

A collection of programs for funerals arranged by E. R. Morris Funeral Chapel can be found in the E. R. Morris Funeral Chapel Programs collection (K1344).

PREFERRED CITATION

Specific item; box number; folder number; *E. R. Morris Funeral Chapel Records (K1353)*; The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

BOX LIST

Box 1 (057470)

Customer files, 1984 – 1988

Box 2 (057471)

Customer files, 1989 – 1990 A-R

Box 3 (057472)

Customer files, 1990 S-W – 1991 A-V

Box 4 (057473)

Customer files, 1991 W – 1993 A-G

Box 5 (057474)

Customer files, 1993 H-W – 1994 A-G

Box 6 (057475)

Customer files, 1994 H-S – 1995 A-C

Box 7 (057476)

Customer files, 1995 D-S

Box 8 (057477)

Customer files, 1995 T-Y – 1996 B-I

Box 9 (057478)

Customer files, 1996 J-W – 1997 A-C

Box 10 (057519)

Customer files, 1998 B-P

Box 11 (057561)

Customer files, 1998 R-Y – 1999 A-D

Box 12 (057562)

Customer files, 1999 E-N

Box 13 (057577)

Customer files, 1999 O-W – 2000 A-Bre

Box 14 (057578)

Customer files, 2000 Bro-Hi

Box 15 (057579)

Customer files, 2000 Ho-Wi

Box 16 (058186)

Customer files, 2000 Wo-Y – 2001 A-G

Box 17 (058295)

Customer files, 2001 H-Po

Box 18 (062744)

Customer files, 2001 Pr-W – 2002 G-K

Box 19 (062745)

Customer files, 2002 L-W – 2003 A-C

Box 20 (062746)

Customer files, 2003 D-W – 2004 A-P

Box 21 (062747)

Customer files, 2004 R-Y – 2006 A-R

Box 22 (069634)

Customer files, 2006 S-W – 2008 A-F

Box 23 (069635)

Customer files, 2008 G-Y

Loose death certificates and other documents, 1985-1987

Loose death certificates and other documents, 1989

Loose death certificates and other documents, 1990

Loose death certificates and other documents, 1993-2000

Loose death certificates and other documents, 2001-2004

Loose death certificates and other documents, 2005

Loose death certificates and other documents, 2006-2008, n.d.

LOCATION NOTE

Materials in this collection are housed offsite and will need to be retrieved before viewing.

SUBJECT TERMS

African American business enterprises – Missouri – Kansas City

Funeral homes – Missouri – Kansas City

Undertakers and undertaking

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